GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4347
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DREDGING OF SHARDA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Sharda river in Tarai region of Uttar Pradesh engulfs thousands of acres of land every year;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide assistance to the State Government for dredging of the river; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Sharda river has a tendency to change its course and to erode its bank affecting many villages in the district of Pilibhit.

(b) & (c) As per available information, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have formulated 9 no. of schemes for preventing the bank erosion due to river Sharda, which were cleared by Technical Advisory Committee of State Flood Control Board.However, no proposal has been submitted by the State Government regarding dredging of the above river.